

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

**Annual Financial Report
Year Ended December 31, 2004**

**A Component Unit of the
Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury**

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**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

GOVERNING BOARD

Joseph Gosserand, Chairperson

**Pointe Coupee Police Jury
Appointees**

**Geraldine Simmons
Greg Johnson**

**City of New Roads
Appointees**

**Lawrence Smith, Jr.
Elie James Part, Jr.**

Stephanie Bonnette, Secretary

Mildred Smith, Accountant

Meeting Date

Third Monday of Every Month

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the
Parish of Pointe Coupee
New Roads, Louisiana**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA, (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of th Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards and the Guide require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Notes 2 and 12, the District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, as of December 31, 2004.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated June 13, 2005, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 5, budgetary comparison information on page 20, and schedule of taxable valuations on page 21, are not a required part of the basic financial

statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

George F. Delaune, CPA

June 13, 2005

Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2004. Please read it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 6.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's net assets increased by \$468,041 from \$5,219,541 in 2003 to \$5,687,582 in 2004. A significant portion of this increase is attributable to a FEMA grant awarded during the fiscal year which provided \$249,510 to purchase firefighting and communication equipment..
- The District's operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$445,612 for the year ended December 31, 2004.
- Cash and investments increased by \$180,438 for the year ended December 31, 2004.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of three parts – management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The Government-wide Financial Statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The District's Government-wide Financial Statements distinguish functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through charges (business-type activities). The Government-wide Financial Statements can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this report.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's net assets are mainly composed of cash and investments (42.46%) and capital assets (47.12%). The District provides fire protection services to residents and businesses that encompasses the area from Pointe Coupee Central School to Waterloo to Parlange.

Net assets of the District increased by 8.97%. Net assets are restricted as to the purposes they can be used for or are invested in capital assets (land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment). Consequently, unrestricted net assets were \$5,219,541 and \$5,687,582 at the end of 2003 and 2004, respectively. These balances reflect the District's income from operations that far exceeds long-term investment in its fixed assets on an annual basis.

NET ASSETS

	2004	2003	% Change
Current and other assets	\$ 3,085,701	\$ 2,888,348	6.83%
Capital assets	2,679,873	2,370,034	13.07%
Total assets	5,765,574	5,258,382	9.65%
Total liabilities	77,992	38,841	100.80%
Net assets -			
Invested in capital assets	2,679,873	2,370,034	13.07%
Restricted	6,470	0	100.00%
Unrestricted	3,001,239	2,849,507	5.32%
Total net assets	\$ 5,687,582	\$ 5,219,541	8.97%

The District's total revenues increased by 38.51% from \$726,195 in 2003 to \$1,005,854 in 2004 primarily due to FEMA grant revenues of \$279,360 received during the year. Total expenses, excluding depreciation, increased by 46.22% from \$216,970 in 2003 to \$317,260 in 2004.

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	2004	2003	% Change
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 663,403	\$ 666,814	-0.51%
Intergovernmental revenues	313,674	33,516	835.89%
Interest earned and other revenues	28,777	25,865	11.26%
Total revenues	1,005,854	726,195	38.51%
Expenses:			
Operating	537,813	403,128	33.41%
Total expenses	537,813	403,128	33.41%
Change in net assets	\$ 468,041	\$ 323,067	44.87%

CAPITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the District had \$2,679,873 and \$2,370,034, respectively, invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment. During the year, the District received \$279,360 from FEMA that was used to purchase equipment in the amount of \$249,510 and provide physicals, health screenings, and immunizations to volunteers in the amount of \$66,750. From operating revenues, the District acquired \$280,882 in capital assets. Of this amount \$149,962 was contributed to the City of New Roads for construction of a water well, tower, and water supply lines to assist the District in providing fire protection to an area near Delta Place. In 2004, the District started construction on a new sub-station and training facility near Delta Place. This project is estimated at approximately \$400,000 of which \$58,333 was expended in 2004.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Millie Smith, Accountant for the Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at (225) 638-9020.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 2,415,192
Receivables -	
Ad valorem	666,212
State revenue sharing	4,297
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land	166,038
Buildings	336,294
Firefighting equipment and tools	103,250
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	1,137,491
Radios and paging equipment	210,854
Vehicles	707,339
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	18,607
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Total Assets	5,765,574
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LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	50,051
Amount due retirement system	27,683
Due to other governmental units	258
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Total Liabilities	77,992
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NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	2,679,873
Restricted	6,470
Unrestricted	3,001,239
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Total Net Assets	\$ 5,687,582
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2004**

	Program Revenues				Net Governmental Activities
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
Public safety	\$ 537,813	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 279,360	\$ (258,453)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 537,813</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 279,360</u>	<u>(258,453)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property tax, levied for fire protection					663,403
General intergovernmental revenues					34,314
Interest earnings					28,777
Total General Revenues					<u>726,494</u>
Change in Net Assets					468,041
Net Assets at Beginning of Year, Restated					<u>5,219,541</u>
Net Assets at End of Year					<u>\$ 5,687,582</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2004**

	General	Grants Management Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,397,517	\$ 17,675	\$ 2,415,192
Receivables -			
Ad valorem	666,212		666,212
State revenue sharing	4,297		4,297
Total Assets	\$ 3,068,026	\$ 17,675	\$ 3,085,701
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 38,846	\$ 11,205	\$ 50,051
Amount due retirement system	27,683		27,683
Due to other governmental units -			
Fire District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee	258		258
Total Liabilities	66,787	11,205	77,992
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for capital projects		6,470	6,470
Unrestricted	3,001,239		3,001,239
Total Fund Balances	3,001,239	6,470	3,007,709
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,068,026	\$ 17,675	\$ 3,085,701

Reconciliation of the Statement of Net Assets of Governmental Funds to the Balance Sheet:

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets
are different because:

Total fund balance per balance sheet	\$ 3,007,709
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	2,679,873
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,687,582</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004**

	General Fund	Grants Management Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes -			
Ad valorem	\$ 663,191		\$ 663,191
Interest on taxes	212		212
Intergovernmental revenues -			
Federal grant - FEMA		\$ 279,360	279,360
State fire insurance rebate	21,296		21,296
State revenue sharing	13,018		13,018
Miscellaneous revenues -			
Interest earned	28,777		28,777
Total Revenues	<u>726,494</u>	<u>279,360</u>	<u>1,005,854</u>
Expenditures			
Current operations -			
Administrative labor	5,520		5,520
Commission members per diem	1,560		1,560
Firemen's benefit program	41,525		41,525
Professional fees	2,300		2,300
Tax collector fees	27,695		27,695
Publishing and printing	1,420		1,420
Contribution to volunteers	4,600		4,600
Physicals, health screenings, & immunizations		66,750	66,750
Pre-plan survey	4,050		4,050
Vehicle maintenance	26,929		26,929
Firefighting equipment maintenance	15,318		15,318
Radios and pagers maintenance	5,265		5,265
Building maintenance	15,358		15,358
Uniforms and protective gear	16,571		16,571
Supplies and small tools	11,014		11,014
Utilities	11,555		11,555
Telephone	5,825		5,825
Insurance	39,434		39,434
Training and fire prevention	8,375		8,375
Office and computer supplies	2,835		2,835
All others	3,361		3,361
Capital outlays -			
Land	35,874		35,874
Buildings and improvements	58,333		58,333
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	3,478		3,478
Radios and paging equipment	19,832	172,514	192,346
Fire fighting equipment and tools	13,402	76,996	90,398
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	149,963		149,963
Total Expenditures	<u>531,392</u>	<u>316,260</u>	<u>847,652</u>
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>195,102</u>	<u>(36,900)</u>	<u>158,202</u>

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004**

	General Fund	Grants Management Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in		43,370	43,370
Transfers out	(43,370)		(43,370)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(43,370)	43,370	0
Excess Revenues & Other Sources (Expenditures & Other Uses)	151,732	6,470	158,202
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	2,849,507	0	2,849,507
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,001,239</u>	<u>\$ 6,470</u>	<u>\$ 3,007,709</u>

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities:

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 158,202
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This the amount by which capital outlays (\$530,392) exceeded depreciation (\$220,553) in the current period.	<u>309,839</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 468,041</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - INTRODUCTION

The Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee (the "District") was created by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in 1981. The District operates under a commission form of government and provides fire protection services to all the territory situated within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election Districts 7, 8, 9, and a portion of Election Districts 4 and 6, as said Election Districts were constituted in 1981, be and the same was created in accordance with the authority of LRS 40:1494, and Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

New Accounting Standards Adopted

In fiscal year 2004, the District adopted two new statements of financial accounting standards and one new interpretation issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

- Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments
- Statement No. 38 – Certain Financial Statement Disclosures
- Interpretation No. 6 – Recognition and Measurements of Certain Liabilities & Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Statement No. 34 (as amended by Statement No. 37) represents a very significant change in the financial reporting model used by state and local governments.

Statement No. 34 requires government-wide financial statements to be prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. Government-wide financial statements do not provide information by fund or account group, but distinguish between the District's governmental activities on the statement of net assets and statement of activities. Significantly, the District's statement of net assets includes both noncurrent assets and noncurrent liabilities of the District, which were previously recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group and the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

The District's implementation of these standards had the following effect on the District's financial statements:

- The District has historically capitalized all capital assets. The District also has not recorded annual depreciation expense or the related accumulated depreciation. As of January 1, 2004, the District recognized \$1,564,336 in accumulated depreciation on all governmental activity assets that had not previously been recognized.

In addition to the government-wide financial statements, the District has prepared fund financial statements, which continue to use the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. Accordingly, the accounting and financial reporting of the District's General Fund and Capital Projects Fund is similar to that previously presented in the District's financial statements, although the format of financial statements has been modified by Statement No. 34 to focus on major funds, as opposed to presenting fund types.

Statement No. 34 also requires certain required supplementary information in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis which includes an analytical overview of the District's financial activities. In addition, a budgetary comparison statement is presented that compares the adopted and modified General Fund budget with actual results.

GASB has issued Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures which modifies, establishes and rescinds certain financial statement disclosure requirements.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Interpretation 6 is an interpretation of NCGA Statements 1, 4, and 5; NCGA Interpretation 8; and GASB Statements Nos. 10, 16, and 18. It clarifies the existing modified accrual standards for distinguishing the portion of a liability that should be reported as a governmental fund liability/expenditure from the portion that should be reported as a general long-term liability (i.e., government-wide reporting only).

Reporting Entity

As stated previously, the District was created by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in 1981 and is body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

In accordance with LRS 40:1494, the District is managed by a board of five commissioners. Two commissioners are appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and two are appointed by the City of New Roads. These four commissioners then appoint the fifth to act as chairperson.

In accordance with the requirements of Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the financial statements must present the District (the primary government) and its component units. Pursuant to this criterion, no component units were identified for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the District as a whole) and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The previous reporting model emphasized fund types (the total of all funds of a particular type), in the new reporting model as defined by GASB Statement No. 34 the focus is either the District as a whole or major individual funds (within the fund financial statements).

The government-wide statements of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a functional category (Public Safety, etc.) or activity are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with specific function or activity. Program revenues include [1] charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity, [2] grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or activity and [3] grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The net cost (by function or business-type activity) is normally covered by general revenue (property, sales, franchise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

Separate fund based financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The major governmental funds are the general fund and capital projects fund. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category for the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements. The nonmajor funds are detailed in the combining section of the statements.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. The focus of the fund financial statements is on the major individual funds of the governmental and business-type categories, as well as the fiduciary funds, (by category) and the component units. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared to enhance the usefulness of the information.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Government fund level financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenue to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Grant revenues availability period is generally considered to be one year. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when the liability has matured and payment is due.

Ad valorem tax revenues in the General Fund are recognized under the susceptible to accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash as the resulting receivable is immaterial. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available. In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of these revenues. In one, monies must be expended for the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the District; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met.

The following major funds are used by the District in its governmental funds:

- General Fund accounts for the District's primary public safety service and is the primary operating unit of the District.
- Grants Management Fund accounts for the District's grant program "Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program" in the program area of Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety. The federal government provides 90% funding and the general fund matches 10%.

GASB Statement No. 34 eliminates the presentation of Account Groups, but provides for these records to be maintained and incorporates the information into the Governmental Activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets.

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and money market accounts. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with a bank organized under Louisiana law, or of any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

State statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or certificates or time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount which reasonably estimates fair value.

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received.

Inventories

Inventories for supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenses when purchased.

Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

The District's property and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. The District generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Uniforms and protective gear which are susceptible to excessive wear and tear and fire code regulations are expense when incurred.

When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets as follows:

Building	40 Years
Vehicles	15 Years
Firefighting equipment and tools	10 Years
Radios and paging equipment	10 Years
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	25 Years
Furniture, fixtures, and office equipment	5 & 12 Years

Fund Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

1. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt." Management has approved the following designations by management:
 - a. On February 19, 1996, the Board designated 7.5% of annual revenues to be set aside for future maintenance and replacement of equipment and the same amount for future maintenance and replacement of buildings. On April 21, 1997, the Board authorized disbursements when the revenues set-aside exceed \$200,000 and for expenditures in excess of \$10,000. Revenues designated for these purposes will cease when the set aside balance exceeds \$500,000.
 - b. On June 19, 2000, the Board designated \$400,000 for the proposed water system improvements to be constructed by Water District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee Parish. As of December 31, 2004, \$90,809 remains designated for this project.

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- c. On August 18, 2003, the Board designated \$370,000 for the proposed water system improvements to be constructed by False River Waterworks Corp. (a non-profit corporation). At December 31, 2004, the amount set-aside equals \$375,566.
- d. On October 29, 2003, the Board designated \$234,000 for the proposed water system improvements to be constructed by the City of New Roads. At December 31, 2004, the amount set-aside equals \$86,454.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgetary Information

Policy and Practice

The Chairman submits an annual budget for the General Fund to the Board in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. The budget is presented to the Board for review, and public hearings are held to address the proposed appropriations. Once approved and adopted by the Board, the Board may amend the legally adopted budget when unexpected modifications are required in estimated revenues and appropriations. The Grants Management Fund is a special revenue fund that budgets on the project-length basis.

Basis of Budgeting

The General Fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source and expenditures are budgeted by function. Budget revisions at this level are subject to final review by the Board. The legal level of control is by function within the General Fund. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. Revisions to the budget were made throughout the year.

The General Fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis. The budget and actual financial statement is reported on this basis. Unencumbered appropriations for annually budgeted funds lapse at fiscal year end.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2004, the status of deposited funds and collateralized balances are as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 24,464
Secured by federal deposit insurance	<u>24,464</u>
Unsecured/uncollateralized	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

Cash and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the state treasurer.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Board that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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Cash also includes \$2,379,615 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a local government investment pool (see Summary of Significant Accounting Policies). In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.125 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local governments entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA - R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. government or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA - R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	1-1-2004	Increases	Decreases	12-31-2004
Capital Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 130,164	35,874		\$ 166,038
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	377,299	58,333		435,632
Vehicles	1,686,885			1,686,885
Fire fighting equipment and tools	230,279	90,398		320,677
Radios and paging equipment	142,203	192,346		334,549
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	42,536	3,478		46,014
Fire hydrants & water supply line	1,325,004	149,963		1,474,967
Total other capital assets at historical cost	3,804,206	494,518		4,298,724
Less: Accumulated depreciation for -				
Buildings	(89,722)	(9,615)		(99,338)
Vehicles	(892,041)	(87,506)		(979,546)
Fire fighting equipment and tools	(185,965)	(31,462)		(217,427)
Radios and paging equipment	(94,638)	(29,057)		(123,695)
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	(23,493)	(3,914)		(27,407)
Fire hydrants & water supply line	(278,477)	(58,999)		(337,476)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,564,336)	(220,553)		(1,784,890)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 2,370,034	\$ 366,925		\$ 2,679,873

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NOTE 5 - AD VALOREM TAXES

All taxable property located within the State of Louisiana is subject by law to taxation on the basis of its assessed valuation. The assessed value is determined by the Parish Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution provided that, beginning in 1978, all land and residential property were to be assessed at 10% of fair market value; agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to be assessed at 10% of "use" value; and all other property is to be assessed at 15% of fair market value. Fair market values are determined by the elected assessor of the parish and are subject to review and final certification by the Louisiana Tax District. The assessor is required to re-appraise all property very four years.

The Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish, as provided by State Law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Parish. By agreement, the Sheriff receives a commission of approximately 4.16%.

The millage rates are adopted in late October. The taxes are levied and notices are mailed out in mid November of the year. All taxes are due by December 31 of the year and are delinquent on January 1 of the next year, which is also the lien date.

State Law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. If taxes are not paid by the due date of December 31, the taxes bear interest at one and one-fourth percent (1.25%) per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied and become due. The majority of the year's taxes are usually collected in November and December of the year. Any amounts not collected at December 31 are shown as accounts receivable.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, taxes of \$666,211.54 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$164,460,560 at the rate of 4.37 mills for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the Fire Protection District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public.

NOTE 6 - COST SHARING PENSION PLAN

Plan Description, Contribution Information, and Funding Policies

In accordance with LA R.S. 33:2036 G.(2), the District provides a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) to all eligible volunteer firemen based upon the District's point system used to determine who is active. The program provides three benefits:

4. Pre-Entitlement Death, if a member dies before reaching entitlement age, the named beneficiary will receive the greater of \$20,000, (the face amount of the life insurance provided by the plan), or the present value of the member's earned benefit. This lump-sum benefit is payable upon death from any cause. It is not limited to an emergency duty. This applies to all members ages 65 and younger (without evidence of insurability) as well as those members over age 65 who qualify for life insurance. Non-insured members will receive the value of their earned benefit payable in the manner established by the plan sponsor.
5. Pre-Entitlement Disability, if a member becomes totally and permanently disabled from any cause before reaching entitlement age, a cash lump-sum benefit is immediately paid from the plan. This amount is based on the discounted present value of his earned benefit and not the monthly benefit to which he is entitled at his entitlement age. In addition, the member's death benefit continues for life.

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6. Monthly Entitlement Benefit, at entitlement age, members are entitled to a monthly income from the plan payable for life, with 120 payments guaranteed. The benefit formula in this plan is:
- a. \$20.00 per month for each year of past service (service before the plan begins) to a maximum of 15 years.
 - b. \$20.00 per month for each year of future service (service after the plan begins).
 - c. \$800.00 maximum monthly benefit (40 total years of service).

The monthly entitlement benefits begin at age 60 and after participating in the plan at least 1 year. The term "entitlement" is used rather than "retirement" because volunteers do not have to leave the organization or become less active to draw benefits. Each year of active service adds to a member's monthly benefit. This benefit becomes 100% vested (guaranteed) after 5 years of service.

For 2004, the District made the following contributions for active firemen:

Annual year service	\$ 28,307
Life insurance	12,315
Administrative fee (\$600 plus \$6 per plan participant)	903
	<u>\$ 41,525</u>

NOTE 7 - RISK RETENTION

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee medical insurance; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for risks of loss or damage to property, general liability, and medical insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in 2004 from coverage in the prior year. Settled claims has not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There were no judgments, claims or similar contingencies pending against the District at December 31, 2004.

NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES

The District is receiving a federal grant fund which is expected to be completed in 2005. The grant program is subject to audit by agents of the granting authorities the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of this audit is not believed to be material.

NOTE 10 - COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, compensation paid to board members is as follows:

Joseph Gosserand	\$ 240
Greg Johnson	330
Elie James Part, Jr.	360
Geraldine Simmons	360
Lawrence Smith	270
	<u>\$ 1,560</u>

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NOTE 11 - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The District expended \$279,360 in federal awards received from U. S. Department of Federal Emergency Management Assistance program "Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program".

NOTE 12 - RESTATEMENT

As a result of implementing the pronouncements mentioned on page 12 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, the following restatements were made to beginning net assets:

Government-wide financial statements. Beginning net assets for the governmental activities were determined as follows:

Fund balances of general fund as of 12/31/2003	\$ 2,849,507
Add: governmental capital assets as of 12/31/2003	3,934,370
Deduct: accumulated depreciation as of 12/31/2003 on above governmental fixed assets	<u>(1,564,336)</u>
Governmental net assets, restated, as of 12/31/2003	<u><u>\$ 5,219,541</u></u>

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PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$ 666,000	\$ 666,000	\$ 663,191	\$ 2,809
Interest on taxes	200	500	212	288
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State fire insurance rebate	22,700	21,000	21,296	(296)
State revenue sharing	13,000	14,000	13,018	982
Miscellaneous revenues -				
Interest earned	15,000	20,000	28,777	(8,777)
Total Revenues	<u>716,900</u>	<u>721,500</u>	<u>726,494</u>	<u>(4,994)</u>
Expenditures				
Current operations -				
Administrative labor	8,280	5,520	5,520	0
Commission members per diem	1,800	1,800	1,560	240
Firemen's benefit program	41,000	20,900	41,525	(20,625)
Professional fees	4,600	4,400	2,300	2,100
Tax collector fees	28,000	31,100	27,695	3,405
Publishing and printing	1,600	1,600	1,420	180
Contribution to volunteers	4,600	4,600	4,600	0
Pre-plan survey	4,500	3,000	4,050	(1,050)
Vehicle maintenance	33,292	29,000	26,929	2,071
Firefighting equipment maintenance	20,000	18,543	15,318	3,225
Radios and pagers maintenance	5,000	6,000	5,265	735
Hydrant maintenance	1,000	5,000	0	5,000
Building maintenance	15,749	13,979	15,358	(1,379)
Uniforms and protective gear	27,115	17,193	16,571	622
Supplies and small tools	10,000	10,000	11,014	(1,014)
Utilities	15,000	12,000	11,555	445
Telephone	6,000	5,000	5,825	(825)
Insurance	42,100	34,952	39,434	(4,482)
Training and fire prevention	11,000	7,500	8,375	(875)
Office and computer supplies	3,000	3,000	2,835	165
All others	4,000	4,850	3,361	1,489
Capital outlays -				
Land	0	0	35,874	(35,874)
Buildings and improvements	968,991	392,875	58,333	334,542
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	8,388	4,850	3,478	1,372
Radios and paging equipment	9,360	23,488	19,832	3,656
Fire fighting equipment and tools	80,889	225,439	13,402	212,037
Vehicles and equipment	252,450	0	0	0
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	35,000	0	149,963	(149,963)
Total Expenditures	<u>1,642,714</u>	<u>886,589</u>	<u>531,392</u>	<u>355,197</u>
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>(925,814)</u>	<u>(165,089)</u>	<u>195,102</u>	<u>360,191</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	<u>(54,170)</u>	<u>(58,420)</u>	<u>(43,370)</u>	<u>15,050</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Sources (Expenditures & Other Uses)	<u>(979,984)</u>	<u>(223,509)</u>	<u>151,732</u>	<u>375,241</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>2,849,507</u>	<u>2,849,507</u>	<u>2,849,507</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,869,523</u>	<u>\$ 2,625,998</u>	<u>\$ 3,001,239</u>	<u>\$ 375,241</u>

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA
TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATIONS
SINCE INCEPTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Year	Mills Levied	Assessed Value	Homestead Exemption	Tax to be Paid by Owner	Tax to be Paid by State	Total Tax
1982	5.00	\$ 35,858,478	\$ 6,739,645	\$ 145,597	\$ 33,701	\$ 179,297
1983	5.00	36,544,503	3,923,775	148,106	34,621	182,727
1984	5.00	35,255,637	7,148,133	140,490	35,793	176,283
1985	5.00	36,379,357	7,303,637	145,381	36,521	181,901
1986	5.20	35,665,663	7,517,780	146,369	39,093	185,461
1987	5.20	34,716,921	7,699,051	140,493	40,035	180,528
1988	5.60	32,427,835	7,315,070	140,632	40,964	181,596
1989	5.60	32,717,245	7,452,905	141,480	71,736	183,217
1990	5.60	32,886,663	7,532,701	141,982	42,183	184,165
1991	5.60	34,608,287	7,550,596	151,523	42,283	193,807
1992	5.42	103,494,211	7,696,535	519,224	41,718	560,942
1993	5.22	103,772,883	7,892,091	500,499	41,199	541,698
1994	5.22	149,344,422	7,998,221	737,828	41,753	779,581
1995	5.22	147,777,641	8,153,591	728,838	42,564	771,403
1996	5.22	147,914,904	8,854,110	725,898	46,221	772,119
1997	5.00	143,387,429	9,128,863	671,295	45,645	716,940
1998	5.00	138,986,787	9,240,394	648,734	46,202	694,936
1999	5.00	137,371,076	9,588,524	638,915	47,943	686,858
2000	4.86	142,320,366	10,699,159	639,680	52,000	691,680
2001	4.45	218,091,512	10,843,784	922,259	48,261	970,520
2002	4.45	159,720,484	11,038,924	661,639	49,130	710,769
2003	4.45	149,751,055	11,012,384	666,398	49,012	715,410
2004	4.37	164,460,560	12,010,100	718,700	52,488	666,212

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The following pages contain a report on compliance with laws and regulations and on internal control over financial reporting as required by Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any reportable conditions and/or material misstatements in internal control or compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

**Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the
Parish of Pointe Coupee
New Roads, Louisiana**

I have audited the basic financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated June 13, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the District and its management, the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, New Roads, Louisiana (oversight entity), and the Legislative Auditor for the State

of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, by provisions of state law, this report is a public document, and it has been distributed to appropriate officials.

George F. Delaune, CPA

June 13, 2005

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of Fire Protection District of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana.
2. No instances of noncompliance were disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements.
3. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements.
4. The District expended \$279,360 in federal awards during the year.

B. FINDINGS--FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

NONE

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
RESOLUTION OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

There were no prior years audit findings.